



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norie MATSUI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2874

Application No.: 10/657,147

Examiner: Fayez G. ASSAF

Filed: September 9, 2003

Docket No.: 117067

For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUCH AN
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the February 9, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally
elect Group II, claims 9-16, without traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that upon allowance of claims 9-16, claims 1-8 be
rejoined. MPEP §821.04 states that "if applicant claims directly to the product, and a product
claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or
otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined."
Accordingly, should claims 1-8 contain all the limitations of claims 9-16 upon allowance of
claims 9-16, then claims 1-8 should be rejoined.

Respectfully submitted,

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